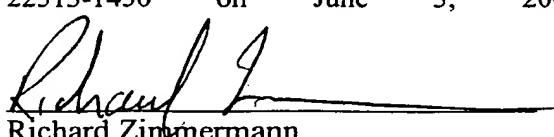


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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This amendment is in response to a first Office Action on the merits mailed December 3, 2002, in which claims 1-14, 27-29 and 32-37 were withdrawn from consideration and claims 26, 30 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs, with claims 26 and 30 being further rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following amendments and remarks.

This amendment is timely filed with a petition and fee for three months extension of time. Please charge any necessary unpaid fees to Marshall, Gerstein & Borun deposit Account No. 13-2855.